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TITLE:

PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF VARIOUSLY PAINTED

AND/OR DECORATED ARTEFACTS BY MEANS OF THE

TECHNIQUE OF TRANSFER FROM A SUBLIMABLE COLOUR

SUPPORT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2001, Applicants respectfully respond as follows:

REMARKS

The Patent Examiner has required a restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I: Claims 12-21, drawn to a process;

Group II: Claims 22-29, drawn to an apparatus.

The Applicants respectfully elect the invention of Group I (Claims 12-21), for further prosecution.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional patent application for the non-elected invention.

For all of these reasons, it is respectfully requested that the restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 be withdrawn and that an action on the merits of all the claims be rendered.

Respectfully submitted, ITALO GOFFI ET AL.-1 (CPA)

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